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A call for men to go to St. John's Island, in the South Pacific ocean, as colonists, to make up for the deficiency of males there is meeting with so much success, says a dispatch from Tacoma, Washington, that already more recruits have volunteered than can be accommodated. It appears from the dispatch that all the lucky male colonists have to do on his arrival at the Island is to hang up his hat at a home where a wife awaits him.

The Kentucky court of appeals has refused a new trial to Scott Jackson and Alonzo Walling, the murderers of Pearl Bryan, and all that remains to carry out the law in their case is for Governor Bradley to fix the date of execution. The case has been stubbornly fought by the defense, but there seems to be no doubt of the guilt of the prisoners and the justness of their sentence.

As was expected the President's message has created great excitement in Spain, where a cabinet meeting was held yesterday to consider it. Some of the Spanish newspapers declare that the message is not only insulting to Spain, but the whole of Europe, while all of them show great irritation at the tone of the document. The excitement will probably blow over soon, unless the war-coals are fanned into flames by Congressional wind.

The United States has been building a navy faster than it has been accumulating sailors, and in consequence there is a superfluity of officers and a dearth of men on the new war vessels. If the authorities will go to work energetically to remedy the deficiency, however, the trouble can soon be overcome by drawing from the seafaring population of the Atlantic States, where some of the best fighting material in the world can be found.

The report of Maceo's death is given with so much minuteness of detail that but for the reputation of the Spanish authorities for mendacity it would be generally believed. Little credence, however, is given to it at this time, and the Cuban junta at New York, with the other information in its possession, does not hesitate to pronounce it a fable. If the report should by any means prove to be correct, the death of the man would be fatal to all hopes of Cuban independence. For nearly a year he has been the life and soul of the insurgent army and, though a mulatto, has given proof not only of great courage, but of all the qualities of a high order of military leadership.

The Secretary of State has received so far returns from the governors of eight States of the results of the recent election of Presidential electors. These returns are from Alabama, Connecticut, Delaware, Indiana, North Carolina, Maryland, Ohio and New Jersey. Copies of them have been sent to both Houses of Congress, and they will shortly be published. Four years ago some difficulty was experienced in getting in all of the returns from the States before the meeting of the electoral college on the first Monday in January, and correspondence failing, the Department of State was obliged to send special messengers to Nebraska and Montana to secure the certificates.

The probabilities of the passage of the Dingley tariff bill was the main subject of discussion at the recent Republican Senatorial caucuses, and from the expressions of opinion there it is apparent that there is little hope of enacting the measure into a law during the present session of Congress. The absence of Senators Dubois, Cannon, Teller, Mantle, Pettigrew and Squire, who bolted the St. Louis convention, show that they do not any longer consider themselves as members of the Republican party; but as their views on protection have not changed, they may assist in the passage of a tariff bill where the question of free coinage is not involved.

Mr. Hatch, the Hawaiian minister to the United States, contradicts the report that a treaty for the annexation of the Hawaiian Islands is now in the course of preparation at Washington, and in view of the summary disposal of the matter by Mr. Cleveland at the beginning of his present administration, it is difficult to see how the question would be again taken up from an entirely opposite standpoint by the President or any of his advisors. Mr. Cleveland is noted for his obstinate adherence to his opinions, and it is not at all probable that he would so far change his views on the question of annexing the Hawaiian Islands as to advocate the measure, when it has heretofore always borne the stamp of his disapproval. Hawaii, in all probability, will be annexed to the United States in a short time, but it will be the work of a Republican Congress and a Republican President.

Congress is going to work on the Cuban question with a vim and energy that promise to bring about important results in a short time. Three joint resolutions were introduced in the House yesterday upon the subject, and in the Senate. Mr. Mills, of Texas, introduced a resolution, directing the President to take military possession of the Island and hold it until its inhabitants can institute such a government as the people of the Island may wish to organize, and arm such forces as may be necessary to protect them against invasion. From the character of the resolution of the Texas Senator, it is plain that Spain is not to be considered in the matter, but that everything is to depend upon the action of the United States. In fact the resolution is simply an act authorizing that the independence of Cuba be secured by the United States, when the people of the latter country will decide for themselves what the form of government is to be. If this country secures Cuban independence, Cuban gratitude, if nothing else, would make the people vote for annexation to the United States.

Senator Culiom, of Illinois, has given notice that he will deliver an address to-day on the Cuban question, and when once the ball has opened it is probable that there will be a great deal of talk in Congress on this subject. President Cleveland advises a waiting policy, but as talk is cheap and the easiest way just now to the popular heart is by the Cuban route, some very bellicose and blood-thirsty utterances may be expected from members of Congress during the remainder of the Fifty-fourth Congress. Spain will, of course, be greatly stirred up by the abuse which will be heaped upon her for political effect; but her people ought by this time to have learned that American politicians have a way of making themselves solid with their constituents by indulging in warlike talk against foreign nations, when there is not the least likelihood that such buncombe will lead to a conflict. In Spain's case, however, there is some danger in a policy of this kind, as the people there may be led by their indignation to commit some act that will bring about a war between Spain and the United States. In

fact, it is largely believed in this country that the Dons and the Yankees will be cudgelling each other with vigor by the fourth of March next, and if the former can stand it, the latter will certainly be able to hold themselves up in some sort of shape.

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ILLEGAL SEALING.

The owners of the American schooner James G. Swan have lost their case before the United States district court, at Seattle, State of Washington, and will be compelled to forfeit the vessel for violating the sealing laws. The case is already a noted one, as it is the first time an American schooner has been forfeited for illegal sealing by an American court. In his information the United States attorney alleged that the cause of the forfeiture was that the Swan was, August 5, 1896, found employed in killing and capturing fur seals in Bering sea within the limits of a zone of sixty geographical miles surrounding the Pribiloff Islands, in violation of the first section of the act of 1894. The owners of the vessel appeared in the case as claimants, and with an answer, denying that the schooner was at any time violating the law. In this they were sustained by the members of the crew, who appeared as witnesses, and claimed they did not intend to violate the law. Inasmuch as the law does not specifically declare a forfeiture of wages, these men claimed they were entitled to receive their wages out of the proceeds of the sale of the vessel, but in this Judge Hanford disagreed, claiming the forfeiture to be absolute.

THE REASON WHY.

To the Editor of The Times.—We note in your report of the Council meeting held last night a resolution offered by Mr. Buckner requesting "that the public property committee confer with the city engineer and see if coal cannot be purchased direct from the mines in our land." It also recites that the "coal dealers of the city refused to bid on furnishing the city with coal."

Now, this looks like a combination, as we understand, at least on the part of the coal dealers and for this reason we wish to explain why we did not submit a bid to furnish the city with coal. The city asked for bids on Pocahontas, excluding all other coals, and as we do not belong to the coal dealers' association and cannot buy Pocahontas coal from the Pocahontas Coal Company or their agents, Messrs. Castner & Curran, and we find it almost impossible at all times to get Pocahontas coal, and we did not wish to become a party to a contract in which there were any doubt about our being able to fulfill our part to the satisfaction of all parties interested. This is the sole reason we did not bid to furnish coal to the city, and not that we had any understanding with any of the coal dealers in the city, as the situation seems to indicate.

J. H. WILKINSON & CO.
Roanoke, Dec. 9, 1896.

THE UNITED STATES OF TO-DAY.

A young man called at our office a few days ago and showed us a work which is being introduced in this country, with a request that we examine it. We consider this book, entitled "Handbook of the United States," the best book of the kind ever issued from the press. It is not a history, but a description of our country as it is to-day, the result of four centuries of progress. History deals with the past, while this deals with the present. We have never before seen anything like it, or its equal in quality of paper or character of illustrations. Every family needs just such a work, and every young man and young woman ought to possess a copy. We have ordered a copy for ourselves, and we would be glad to know that every person in the country who is trying to improve himself, or the minds of his family, had done the same.

Malaga and California grapes, oranges, pears, bananas, etc., at Catagni's.

SALEM NEWS

EDWARD JETER, REPORTER.

Major Wm. M. Ellis, of Elliston, was in the city yesterday on business.

Dr. Oscar Wiley drove to Elliston yesterday, where he went to see a patient.

J. B. Lemon, of Botetourt, the father of Mrs. J. P. Saul, is on a visit to his daughter.

Miss Mabel Smith, of Radford, is visiting the family of her uncle, Daniel Preston, on Main street.

Prof. Leo Wheat, the famous pianist, who will give a musical performance in Roanoke on Friday evening, paid Salem a short visit yesterday afternoon.

J. D. Smoot, who formerly lived near Roanoke city, but is now a farmer of Lafayette, was shopping in Salem yesterday, accompanied by his daughter.

James Yeatman, of Singer, was circulating in the city yesterday. With the exception of Col. D. C. Shanks, he is the high cockalorum of the Masonic fraternity in this part of the country.

The ladies of the Episcopal Church will give their annual bazaar on Friday night in the Dillard and Persinger building, at which the Prince and Cinderella will be married. There will be a beautiful array of fancy articles and elegant refreshments will be served.

A. C. Davies, who recently moved to Salem from the State of Washington, and who is a brother-in-law of our townsman, Wm. M. Holmes, has rented the empty store room in the Maury block and is opening up a stock of goods. It will be called the variety store.

A large crowd attended the revival at the Baptist Church Tuesday night and listened to a splendid sermon delivered by the Rev. J. T. Shipman. Many people were turned away from the doors, as the church is small and not large enough to accommodate the crowds.

Constable N. W. Vin, of Norwich, brought up to Salem yesterday afternoon Lewis Wick, colored, who was convicted by Squire Gunn's and Miller's courts of stealing a revolver from Major Vincent, and sentenced to a fine of \$10, and given sixty days in the county jail. He was taken in charge by Jailor James Johnson.

Little Grace, youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Bahard, is quite sick at her home on Main street, with the dreaded diphtheria. There have been several cases of this disease of late in Salem, but as far as we have learned from the doctors this is the only one at present, and this one has just developed. There is no danger at all of its becoming prevalent.

Several of the girls who worked at the Salem Woolen Mills were persuaded by a smooth-tongued individual to leave the mills here to go to Petersburg to work in a pants factory at that place. After arriving there they found out that the promises of the glib-tongued stranger were a delusion and a snare, as they could barely make thirty-five cents a day. Some of them have returned, while several, we understand, are still in Petersburg, but not at the pants factory.

A GREAT SHOW.

"In Gay New York" comes to the Academy of Music on December 16, and it seems altogether likely that this much-discussed show piece will receive the same favor here that it has had in other cities. It is said to have more color, action and novelty than anything else of the kind that has ever been produced in recent years. Walter Jones has made a hit in the part of a seely Thespian, in his work in the burlesques. David Warfield has a new fund of stories for his Jewish specialty, and gives a burlesque on Irving's "Macbeth." Lucy Daly is prominent in the performance, and we have a very modest press agent's assurance that she works with her accustomed dash and spirit. Lee Harrison, Arthur V. Gibson, Gilbert Gregory, James G. Peakes, E. S. Tarr, Wm. Selberg, Wm. E. Richie, the tramp cyclist, Gertrude Zella, Jeanette Bagard, LaLiska, a dainty little dancer, and three score of others are also in the company. Ballots, marches, specialties and burlesques will be shown in abundance. Among the travesties introduced are those on "The Heart of Maryland," "The Wizard of the Nile," "The Artist's Model," and Yvette Guilbert. The scenes of the play are laid in Huckleberry Center, Me at the Grand Central depot, the Hotel Waldorf, the stage and lobby of the Casino and at Coney Island.

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FILIBUSTERS ON TRIAL.

New York, Dec. 9.—Gen. Carlos Roloff, Dr. Joaquin Castillo, Mate Edward Murphy, John D. Hart and Capt. Charles Blackman, who are under indictment for alleged violations of the neutrality law in connection with the several trips of the steamship Laurada to Cuba with men and arms, appeared before Judge Benedict to-day, in the criminal branch of the United States circuit court. Col. Nunez and Capt. John O'Brien did not put in an appearance. The Roloff and Castillo cases will come up before Judge Brown on Monday on a motion to set a day for trial.

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